Supply of Piped LPG in Uttar Pradesh

†4981. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a scheme regarding supply of LPG through pipe in the cities of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of those cities and by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal with the Government to supply LPG to consumers through pipelines in the cities of Uttar Pradesh.

Project to produce Power Alcohol from Sugarcane

†4982. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake pilot projects to produce power alcohol from sugarcane to use as additive to motor fuels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technical feasibility and economic viability of these projects has been examined;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to sought technical help from the countries who are using alcohol as motor fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Government propose to take up pilot projects in UP and Maharashtra to ascertain the effects of using ethanol blended auto-fuel on the environment and to examine operational and financial aspects.

Punjab Refinery Project

4983. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Company has submitted the detailed feasibility report of 26th December, 1997 and if so, what is the status regarding clearance of feasibility report;

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(b) what is the time schedule for the implementation of the Punjab Refinery Project;

(c) whether any funds have been allocated for Punjab Refinery Project during the financial year 1999-2000 and if so, how much amount has been released; and

(d) whether the Environmental Clearance for single point mooring and crude oil terminal at Gujarat is pending with Government and if so, what is the present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) had submitted detailed feasibility report for 9 million metric tonne per annum grassroot refinery project, along with associated facilities, at Bhatinda in Punjab vide their letter dated 26.12.1997. Government's approval to the project was conveyed on 13.11.1998.

(b) The project is expected to be completed within 48 months after firming up of the joint venture partner for the project.

(c) Since the project is to be implemented by HPCL with a joint venture partner, no funds are required to be allocated by the Government for this project.

(d) Requisite environmental clearance for Single Point Mooring and Crude Oil Terminal has been accorded on 24.4.2000.

Use of Hindi Typewriter in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

†4984. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such officers under his Ministry/Department which do not have single Hindi typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter, so far and the officers responsible for such negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure compliance for targets fixed for the purchases of Hindi typewriters by the department of official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

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